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Johnston Earns First Place on Tennis List

Young California Star Will Probably Be Ranked No. 1 This Year With Williams and McLoughlin in Second and Third Places—First Ten Will Be Picked From Stars This Year—New Players Come to Front in Tennis World—Stars May Visit Honolulu in February

Last year three gentlemen of the tennis world were given a hard task to perform. This year the same three gentlemen will have another job more difficult than that of last year. They must judge the rankings of the first ten players of America in the tennis world. The ranking committee for this year will be Walter L. Pate, W. Merrill Hall and Fred C. Inman. Last year they had to select No. 1 from two players, Williams and McLoughlin. This year the work will be no child's play as they must rank the first three players of the year from three of our stars.

Two tennis stars who have been seen in Honolulu will surely be in the ranking of the first three. William Johnston and "Maui" McLoughlin have a place claimed, and so has R. Norris Williams, but the problem that will confront the committee is not who will be in the first three, but how they will be ranked. Local tennis devotees would naturally favor Johnston or McLoughlin, while the East will surely have a word for Williams.

McLoughlin Star Last Year.

Last year the committee set aside precedent by naming McLoughlin for the first place when he had been defeated by Williams for the championship, but this year is different, and last season "Maui's" defeat of Johnston and Williams was enough to give him the honor over the Harvard man.

Last year, however, it was different. McLoughlin lost the match all season, the one that gave Williams the national title, and his record stood far above Johnston. It is true that this year Johnston was beaten by Hephth Byron, Nationalist, Niles, McLoughlin, Theodore K. Pell, and Williams twice. McLoughlin's victory was in five sets on asphalt, while the others won from Johnston on turf. Williams and Niles in four sets and Pell in two straight sets.

It must be taken into consideration that Niles beat him at Longwood before Johnston had gotten accustomed to the turf, that Williams first turned the trick at Newport in the fourth round of the invitation tournament at the Casino, and again in the east-west series.

Force Williams Match.

At Newport Johnston had not found the turf that he showed later, and even at that he won the first set from the Philadelphia man and forced the second to drop four times before Williams, playing his best, won. At Forest Hill the Harvard man won when Johnston had let up after the strain of the championship tournament. Pell won from the Californian at Southampton when Johnston was resting up and merely tuning his strokes for the national tourney.

Supposing the committee ranks Johnston first, which it probably will, that will be the least of its troubles. Where will McLoughlin and Williams be placed? Where will Behr go, and who will fill in the other positions in the first ten? McLoughlin, Williams and Behr were one, two, and three last year. They were all beaten by Johnston. Williams and McLoughlin lost twice on turf and once on asphalt. They split even on turf and McLoughlin won on asphalt. Williams was beaten also by Griffith on asphalt.

Ordinarily that would place McLoughlin in second place, but then Williams has accomplished much this year, and furthermore McLoughlin was defeated in successive tournaments by Behr and Johnston, and it would not be surprising to see the Californian come ranked as low as No. 3, the lowest mark that has been held by the former champion since 1910, when he was rated No. 4.

Last year the ranking of the first ten was as follows: McLoughlin, Williams, Behr, Murray, Clothier, Johnston, Church, Alexander, Washburn and Fottrell. This season three of this number are bound to be out of it on account of their not playing in enough tournaments. Lindsey Murray and E. F. Fottrell, the two Californians, and William F. Clothier will hardly be ranked in the first class.

Griffin Improved.

From the second ten last year we find that Clarence Griffin, a San Francisco boy, has made a record and should be in the banner class this year. Nathaniel Niles and Theodore Pell are two more newcomers who should graduate from the second rank this year. Church, Alexander and Washburn may hold their position, and Leroy, on his work this season, will be considered.

One of the strange matches of the season was the defeat of Johnston by Heath Byford, who last season was ranked in the fourth ten. Should Chairman A. L. Castle of the local tennis committee secure the players for the mid-winter carnival that are, indeed, Honolulu will have an opportunity of watching the work of three men who are sure to make the first ten—Williams, Griffin and Church.

Johnston's Record.

The season's record of William M. Johnston, the 1915 tennis champion,

upon which his ranking will be based, consists of 14 matches against the leading players of the country. He won and lost a match each against McLoughlin; lost two out of three matches against Williams and was also defeated by Pell, Niles and Byford. His record, which many close followers of tennis expect will win for him the coveted number 1 position in the annual ranking of American racket experts, is as follows:

Won from Griffin at San Francisco, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; from Church at San Francisco, 4-1, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; from Washburn at Newport, 4-4, 6-1, 6-2; from Leroy at Southampton, 6-1, 6-2; from Hackett at Forest Hills, 6-1, 6-2, 10-8; from Behr at Forest Hills, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5; from Griffin at Forest Hills, 6-4, 4-6, 5-7, 6-1; from Williams at Forest Hills, 5-7, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2; from McLoughlin at Forest Hills, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5, 10-8.

Lost to McLoughlin at San Francisco, 7-9, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; to Niles at Longwood, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4; to Byford at Chicago, 6-3, 6-4; to Williams at Newport, 3-6, 10-8, 6-1, 6-3; to Pell at Southampton, 6-4, 6-4; to Williams at Forest Hills, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

World Series Notes

Dave Bancroft is the only player on either team that is playing his first year in the big leagues.

Both managers who will enter the series this year are catchers. Moran is not in the game at present, but Carrigan has been in many games this year.

Carrigan is using Spitt in the short-field position at most of the games. He does not hit with javelin, but is head and shoulders above Harold in fielding.

Joe Oeschger is another Philadelphia player who was a student at St. Mary's College. The ex-Oakland star has been turned out to Providence, but will be recalled.

Boston Nationals are the only team in world series history to win four straight games. Their defeat last year of the Athletics is bound to stand as a record for some time.

Local fans will wonder what Lewis and Hoblit will do against the great Alexander in the series to come. Both American league players batted over 300 against Alexander when the leaguers played in Honolulu.

The first game of the world series will be played in Philadelphia on Friday. The second game will also be played in the Quaker City on Saturday, and the two teams will go to New York for games on Monday and Tuesday.

Jack Barry, Herbert Pennock and George Whitted are the three players who were in the series last year that will have a chance again this week. Barry and Whitted were both regular last year. Pennock relieved Shawkey of the Athletics in the seventh inning of the last game.

St. Mary's College will be in the spotlight again this year, as three of the contestants in the world series were former Phreak stars. Eddie Burns of the Quakers, Herbert "Fritz" Leonard and George "Duff" Lewis of the Red Sox began their baseball careers at the Oakland school.

This will be the first time in the history of the National League that a winner of the pennant has had a winning percentage less than .600. The record percentage ever made in recent years was that of the Chicago Cubs, who had a mark of .765 in 1906. The old Chicago club in 1890 finished the year with a percentage of .593.

Boston has never had a loser in the world series. In 1903 the Boston Americans defeated Pittsburgh. At that time the stars of the Boston team were Jimmy Collins, Fergie and Parson. In 1912 Boston defeated the New York Giants, when many of the present stars were on the team and last year the Boston Nationals won from Philadelphia.

Six players who will enter the series this year have played in Honolulu. Alexander, Moran, and Kinnear were with the Athletics and Lewis and Hoblit were with the All-Americans when they played here last December. Eddie Burns, the Quaker catcher, played here with the local teams at the time when the Santa Clara team made the trip to the islands.

Ty Cobb is an unaccommodating chap. The Feds started a fine story about offering Ty \$100,000 for three seasons and were in for some good advertising when Tyrus spiked the yarn.

MATMAN CHALLENGES LOCAL WRESTLERS TO MEET HIM THIS MONTH

Carl W. Natusch, champion welterweight wrestler of the United States Pacific fleet, writes from San Francisco that he will meet any welterweight wrestler in the islands upon the arrival of the U. S. S. Maryland in this port some time this month. Natusch says that he would prefer matches with Lieut. Hall of the 4th Cavalry, Williams of the 25th Infantry and Hansen of the 2d Infantry at Fort Shafter.

The wrestler states that he has five matmen in tow who will weigh in at different weights, and will be ready to stage a bout any time after the arrival of the Maryland in port. Kid Ryan, who recently wrestled Lieut. Richards of the 4th Cavalry, is also on the Maryland and wants to hear from Lieut. Hall in regard to a match.

When the New Haven team of the Colonial league appeared for its game with Springfield on a recent day but eight players could be accounted for. As a score of fans were clamoring at the gate to see the game one of them was picked from the crowd to make the nine men necessary and the game proceeded.

One can imagine how George Stallings feels toward the Federalists by this remark from the Braves' manager: "If the Feds got Ty Cobb at this minute they'd kill him. It is a drawing card inside of a month. Which, judging from the way some former stars have drawn in the out-of-league, is the gospel truth."

"Harry Up" Yost Establishes New Training Stunt

According to a report sent out by a war correspondent who stayed into Yost's summer camp, the Wolverine boss already has laid plans to play the open game almost entirely this fall. He is paying special attention to the forward pass and has introduced a "football-baseball" game which has shown startling results. This game, which is entirely new, is played on a baseball diamond with nine men on a side, or more if necessary. The pitcher throws a football at the batter, who, instead of hitting it, catches it instead, and tries to hurl the pigskin into fair territory. The fielders then attempt to get the ball to the bases before the runners.

This is one of the most novel ideas ever sprung in early season training, and is good enough to be taken up by other teams. It gives the men an opportunity to handle the ball and pass accurately on the run. Last year over 50 per cent of the forward passes used in big games either were grounded or fell into the hands of an opponent. This was because the passer was too slow in getting the ball away, or threw it blindly, not knowing whether one of his men was there to receive it or not. With a month's early training in this new game, speed, accuracy and everything else connected with forward passing can be highly developed, and it will not be at all surprising if Michigan has the best passers and handlers of the pass in the country this fall.

SIGNAL CORPS DEFEATS FORT ARMSTRONG TEAM IN BATTLE OF PITCHERS

The Signal Corps baseball team kept its record of no defeats yesterday afternoon at Fort Shafter, when they romped home ahead of the Fort Armstrong club by a score of 2 to 1. It was one of the best games ever played in the local field, both sides playing sensational ball, and no errors were marked up during the day. Hudnall and Mathers were on the hilltop for the opposing teams, and both pitched airtight ball throughout. It was anyone's game until the last man was out in the last frame. Throughout the game the spectators were continually brought to their feet by thrilling plays and as much interest was aroused that the two teams will be brought together in another contest.

J. A. C. WINS IN JAPAN.

(Special Cable to Hawaii Ship.)

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Oct. 6.—The Japanese baseball team of Honolulu played with the team of the Yokohama Commercial School yesterday and won. The score was 5 to 2.

Some sharp critics noted that as soon as the Reds learned there was a possum to play winning ball, but that ability of the club being sold they they showed an inclination to drop back in the rut after the prospective purchaser backed out of the deal.

Even if the champion fan contest was still on, the president of the Glenville Lumber company, Cleveland, would not stand a chance. He sued Joe Jackson for \$37 after Joe's auto hit a lumber wagon.

Punahou Will Have But Two Veterans in Game

Team Has Not Yet Rounded to Form for Game Saturday With McKinley—Captain Napia and Gifford are Two Last Year's Players With Present Squad—Midkiff Working Hard to Place Winning Team in Field Against High School—Scrubs Show Up Well in Light Workouts

With only two veterans back this year Coach Midkiff will have a hard fight to round the team into shape for the coming game with McKinley on Saturday. The new men have been working out well, but they lack experience, and a green team isn't going to do the same kind of work that the veterans can put up. Alexander field has been a training ground for those who do not know how to tackle or fall on the ball, and a number of new ideas has to be instilled into their minds.

Punahou will not be ready next Saturday. They may win, but at that they will not show the smoothness of a well-oiled machine. It is too much to expect to take a team of two veterans and nine rookies and place them in shape for the opening game of the year. The students hope to see Punahou run away from McKinley, but if they do, Coach Midkiff will have accomplished wonders with the material he has on hand.

Few Days Left

Time is a valuable feature just now, and the men must know the signals and the formations by Saturday and the work on forward passing and trick plays must be neglected for the

first game. The players are gradually learning the game, but the team will not be a masterpiece on this season, and Coach Midkiff will undoubtedly rely on the speed of the backs to bring home victory.

Captain Napia and Gifford are the only two members of last year's team back this season, and their positions will be well taken care of, but an entire line must be formed with the exception of tackle, and three new men will be seen in the backfield. Hila, a former Kaneohe player, has turned out for the team and has been shifted back and forth from end to quarter and back again. Corbin, another Kaneohe star, is making a try for one of the halfback jobs.

Kahane With Punahou.

Noble Kahane may appear against his old team mates on Saturday in the back field. Kahane was one of the head players at McKinley, and Coach Midkiff will give him a thorough try-out this week. Among the new men who will try out for the line at Punahou are J. Pratt, Robert Kula, McCauley, Thurston, Bromley and Noble. There is a hard fight on for many

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